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pathogen of a patient is preserved. Current law provides that if a person's blood, saliva, etcetera, enters the body of an emergency worker, a court order may eventually be obtained to require testing of the patient if he or she is unwilling to or unable to give consent. As I explained, the committee amendments add language requested by the Hospital Association to extend the same protocol to all health care workers. Finally, LB 819 provides for anonymous testing if an individual so chooses. One of the objections to making HIV reportable by name identifiers is that it would discourage individuals from being tested. The anonymous option would overcome that objection, although it does somewhat dilute the effectiveness of the reporting program. Most states that require HIV reporting with name identifiers have retained anonymous testing. Based on their experience, it's anticipated that anonymous testing will be utilized less over time as the confidentiality of nonanonymous testing is demonstrated and as the advantage is better understood. I would ask your support for LB 819. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Do you wish to close on LB 819? Closing is waived. The issue before the body is the adoption...or, excuse me, the advancement of LB 819 from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 819.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 819 advances to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Items for the record, Madam President, very quickly. Transportation Committee reports LB 872, LB 895, LB 918, LB 964 to General File. Revenue reports LB 938 to General File. Those are signed by the respective chairs. Enrollment and Review reports LB 600, LB 291, LB 291A, LB 337, LB 513, LB 513A, and LB 488 to Select File, some of those having Enrollment and Review amendments attached. (See pages 440-44 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, the next bill on consent calendar this morning, LB 681, offered by Senator Wehrbein. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 21 of last year, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have